

Welcome by Chuck Winder, Chairman, Idaho Transportation Board

"I welcome all of you for attending this kick-off meeting for a Forum on Transportation Investment. We want this to be a statewide process; a listening process; and we want it to be a learning process for all of us. We do not have all the answers, but I feel that you that are attending today can help with finding some of the answers to questions that we are facing today. We want your help and insight, and we thank you for your time being here. As I look at the various names on the table around the room, I am personally honored by your giving us some of your time in this endeavor. I know that each of you have given up something to be here and we really appreciate your interest.

I want to thank Jim Kempton for being willing to chair this group. Jim has a tremendous background in public service. He is retired military, and is involved with the State Legislature as a representative. He has served as the chairman of the House Transportation Committee. I have a deep admiration for Jim and a lot of personal respect for his many abilities. We are honored to have you take your time to chair this forum. Anything that we can do from the department's standpoint or from me personally, to help with this process we will gladly supply.

I don't intend to have my name at the table or participate in this process, but we have three members (Monte McClure, Bruce Sweeny, and Jack Combo) from the Idaho Transportation Board who will be participating in this forum. Jack is our senior member and institutional memory, which makes him a great asset to the ITD Board. I also want to welcome Dwight Bower and Tom Warne, who are the consultants involved with this process.

For those of you that didn't meet John Horsley earlier, I would like to introduce you to John (please stand up). John is the Executive Director of AASHTO from Washington, D.C. He is here for this meeting and we appreciate his participation here today. We thank you for coming out here.

With that I will turn this meeting over to Dwight."